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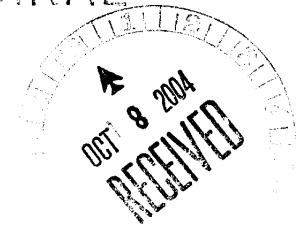
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Re: Section 5a Application No. 46 (Sub-No. 20)
Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc.

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's Decision served October 1, 2004 in the above-referenced docket, the Board is hereby advised that the undersigned will participate in the oral argument scheduled for October 27, 2004. I will be representing National Small Shipments Traffic Conference, Inc. ("NASSTRAC") and I request a time allotment of 20 minutes.

Please contact me if there are any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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